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WILSON FINAL ARBITER ON NAVY **HONOR AWARDS**

President to Have Last Say After Knight Board Reviews Its List.

CONGRESS PROBE SURE

Refusals by Admirals Mayo, Jones and Decker and Capt. Hasbrouck.

President Wilson will have the final say in the settlement of the controversy precipitated by Admiral Sima' refusal to accept the Distinguished Service Cross awarded him by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

This statement was made yesterday by Secretary Daniels, who declared the Naval Board of Award would be reconvened for the express purpose of reviewing every case, and that its final findings would be sent to the White House. In the event the President does not exercise the right of review, it is evident that the report of the board will be final.

In view of the fact that the board struck off thirteen of the nineteen names suggested for the Distinguished Medal by Admiral Sims and substituted the navy cross, it is not believed it will reverse itself.

Investigation by Congress. Congress, however, will go ahead with its investigation of the con-

Secretary Daniels yesterday, made public the text of letters received from Admirals Mayo and Jones, Rear Adbrouck.

the war, wrote a very temperate letiels has apparently followed this sug- coast of Spain.

Mayo States Attitude. "Efficient staff work is absolute'y

command. Officers who stand out

BRIDE SAYS OSBORNE

ALIENATED HER HUBBY

atter influenced Duffy to leave her. buffy later married Helen M. Healey

tiving together as man and wife when both were arrested. They are

THEATERS

Poli's-Frank Tinney in "Some Time."

Was."

Crandall's Metropolitan-Ger-

the Desert."

in "The Fear Market." Loew's Palace-Wallace Reid

in "Hawthorne of the U. S. A."

in "The Capitol."

Friend."

Crandall's Knickerbocker -Geraldine Farrar in "Flame

Crandall's-Blanche Sweet in "A Woman of Pleasure." Moore's Garden - "Every

ing.

Gayety-Burlesque; "Best Show in Town.'

Women's City Club Smokers Granted Cigarette Privilege In Special Clubhouse Room

Washington women smoke, or if fairly typical of the women of th hey do not themselves enjoy an National Capital. There are at pres ccasional whiff at a fragrant "fag" hey have no serious objections to other members of their sex doing

Agitation among the members of came, much to the surprise of the newly-organized Women's City members of the board, from the Club for a smoking room in the "home women." who declared lubhouse at 22 Jackson place be- they were accustomed to smoke in gan almost as soon as they were their own homes and in the home settled in their new headquarters, of their friends, they did not see and during the ten weeks of the why they should not be permitted to club's history has gained such force smoke at their club. that the house committee now is furnishing an attractive room on board they pointed out that a smokthe third floor, where the members ing room would not only be for the can smoke to their hearts' content.

comfort of the members who cared to smoke, but would provide a plac where members could indulge in The attitude of the club members, epresenting practically every class and every profession, is held to be

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Washington's first experiment with

Plans will be completed this week

for placing the Mott. a colored

torium or gymnasium.

number of teachers.

a school with a consequent saving it

BOUND IN PACT

ident Acted on Assump-

tion U. S. Belonged.

at the time the ships were taken from

There was a subsequent agreement be-

that this country would give over

control of the seven great passenger

ish would return the Standard Oil

Paris Cafes to Close Early.

Paris, Dec. 27.-There will be no

mits of the cafes and restaurants.

tween England and the United States

ent nearly three thousand member

Was Home Women's Demand.

The demand for the smoking room

enrolled on the club's roster.

KEPT SPAIN OUT PLATOON SCHOOL OF WAR, SAYS PLAN TO BEGIN **FEBRUARY 1** DECKER

Rear Admiral, Declining Park View Institution to Be First to Inaugurate Naval Cross, Tells Daniels He Deserves Better. Shift System.

the platoon plan in schools with a against the United States when the great German drive on the Western view to relieving crowded condifront was launched in March, 1918, according to a letter to Secretary the Park View School changes to Daniels from Rear Admiral Benton the new shift system. Definite remiral Decker and Capt. R. D. Has- C. Decker, commandant of the Sev- organization of this school on that date was announced yesterday by enth naval district, made public last

In his letter, which was a refusal to accept the navy cross, Decker said that, as naval attache at the American Embassy at Madrid at the time, he prevented Spain's entrance February, Superintendent Thurston meritorius cases, and Secretary Dan- German submarine activities off the

Surprise to Officials. Decker's letter caused great surprise

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Admirat Mayo's attitude is given in BETRAYED LAND

64-Year Old Frenchman number of pupils now being taught in "Would Turn Traitor Ten Times Over.'

Paris, Dec. 27 .- The irresistible The Park View School was selected fascination of a beautiful German ane of Portsmouth who charges during the German occupation of Comdr. Osborne with alienation of that city was described today at the trial by courtmartial of M. Blan-

> "She was the living image of Circe," declared Blanquart, when he took the stand in his own defense. "Her beauty bewitched me. In the madness of my love for her I would have betrayed France ten times over. I defy any red blooded man to have resisted her spell."

> The spy was known as "the blond lady," but is reported to have been the daughter of Gen. von Heinrich former German military governor

Blanquart's defense is that he became temporarily insane through

China Would Outdo Japan In Entertaining Gleaves

China's invitation to Admiral Gleaves and his staff to be the guests of the Peking government twelve rine spoils, awarding the ships with chairman of the executive commitdays was made with a view to surpassing the entertainment extended the The United States, because this American officers by Japan, where country has not ratified the Peace they were guests six days, the time Treaty, was allowed no representaof the visit to each country having tion on the tribunal. been fixed by Admiral Cleaves him-, The original understanding, reached

Admiral Gleaves probably will ac- the Germans, was that England and cept the Chinese invitation, as this the United States should have use will carry with it no discourtesy to of the vessels for the purpose of rethe Japanese government, while sat- patriating their armies, and that the isfying the wishes of China. The in- craft should be then turned over to cident has caused some amusement the tribunal for final adjudication.

Gen. McIntyre's Siberian Trip to Uncover Conditions ships, in return for which the Brit-

Maj. Gen. Frank McIntyre, former tankers seized by them in German Assistant Chief of Staff and now chief waters. An international prize court of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, will had previously determined that the leave Washington for San Francisco American corporation had a clear title early this week en route to the Phil- to these latter vessels. The Shipping Board decided that the seven passenippines and Siberia.

It is expected that Gen. McIntyre ger steamers should be held in New will make a full report to the War York until the tankers were returned. Department on the situation in Siberia, especially as it affects American troops. His first duty will be to report and confer with Maj. Gen. spectacular celebration of New Year Graves, the commanding officer of the Eve this year in Paris. Because of American forces in Siberia. He also the coal shortage the government will make an extended tour of the today cancelled the all-night per-

LANSING'S OFFICE WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS 192; TO BE IMPROVED ON LARGE SCALE

Activities to Be Enlarged Upon Receipt of Appropriation by Congress.

BOOST FOREIGN TRADE

Department May Be Arranged on General Lines In making their plea before the Of British Office.

> The State Department is plan tion of its own activities as soon after the first of the year as funds can be obtained for the purpose from Congress.

During the war at least four specific duties of the department were lost in the shuffle of efficiency and the results have been any thing but good for the nation at large. This is how the department was striped of four of its foremost activities:

1. Foreign propaganda was turned ver to the Committee on Public tary Intelligence.

of the Paris Peace Conference, together with practically its entire personnel, were duties vested in Col. E. M. House, who was sent to Paris by the President, and who tions will be made February 1, when of the American peace delegation. 3. War trade activities

transferred to the War Trade Board when it was brought into most entirely by the Treasury De-

partment. Loaned Without Condition

school, on a platoon basis early in In connection with foreign loans it may be said that the United States government, although it extended Miss Frances Fairley, principal of credits totaling the unheard-of sum the Park View School, has returned of nearly \$10,000,000,000, gave away this from a tour of cities where the tremendous amount of money without platoon system is being used, and imposing a single condition on the she is convinced of the practicabilborrowers. ity of instituting this plan in Wash-A case in point on our short-sighted

policy in the Azores Islands. When the war was in progress we furtified one The plateon or double-shift method of the Azores, and government officials believed that when hos littles of arranging grade school classes concame to an end, the United States school subjects in a classroom and CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE

then on special subjects in the audi-1,400 LOSE JOBS In this way two shifts of classes re making use of classrooms and auditoriums simultaneously. This al-IN RAIL RELEASE lows for approximately double the

Under this system only schools equipped with auditoriums or gymna- Branches of Administration siums are adaptable to the change Will Turn Loose Office Forces in D. C.

> Approximately 1,400 employes of the United States Railroad Adminon which the railroads are to be tasted meat. returned to private operation.

The release of Federal control of railroads and systems of transpor-State Department and Presbranches of the administration, comprising the great majority of the executives, clerks, stenographers and typists employed by the Rail-On the premises that, notwith- road Administration in Washington.

sanding its rejection by the Senate, The financial branch of the adthe United States must be bound by ministration will probably be conthe provisions of the Peace Treaty, tinued for several months after th the President and the State Depart- return of the roads is effected.

ment agreed to relinquish to Great | Director General Hines' plan for Britain the seven former German the future have not been announced. passenger ships now in New York and while it is probable that he will barber. This was the explanation be retained for many months in the given unofficially at the State De- government service as confidential partment yesterday. It was said adviser on the many knotty railthat the inter-allied tribunal cre- road financing problems which reated by the Spa agreement had met mained to be solved, he will eventand made an apportionment of ma- ually return to the Santa Fe as a great many others to England, tee

Gazapcho, or We

Agricultural laborers in the South of Spain have threatened to strike unless the following demands are granted, according to consular advices received here yesterday:

A daily wage of \$1.93. Three meals a day, consisting of eggs and meat for breakfast, soup and meat stew for lunch, and bacon, green vegetables and a dish of gazapcho for supper.

Hours, from sunrise to sunset, with two hours for a siesta, 40 minutes for each meal, three smoking periods of 20 minutes. And a bed with two mat-

tresses.

Gazapcho, a dish which Spanish workmen prize highly, consists of stale bread, soaked in a mixture of vinegar, oil and water, and is very savory.

DEATH AND BLINDNESS MARK TRAIL OF BOOTLEGGER POISON

Incomplete reports show the following results of wood alcohol

New York-Fifty-two dead; 100 blind. Chicopee, Mass.—Thirty-seven dead; seven seriously ill. Cleveland-Fourteen dead; sixteen ill. Hartford, Conn.—Thirteen dead; nine seriously ill. Newark, N. J.—Five dead. Holyoke, Mass.—Ten dead; ten seriously ill. Chicago-Eight dead; six ill. Springfield, Mass.—Three dead; five seriously ill. Syracuse, N. Y.—Two dead.

Emporium, Pa.—Two dead. Richmond, Va.-One dead. Detroit, Mich.-Twenty-five dead.

Simple Test to Detect Poison In Drinks Being Sought Here

2. All details of the preparation Average of Three Cases of Wood Alcohol Prostration Received Daily at Asylum Hospital-Police Active in Combatting Spread of Plague-Warning by Col. Har-

> an average, were received every day tilled from wood, chemists in the Hy last week at the Washington Asylum gienic Laboratory, Public Health Ser Hospital, and District officials have vice, began yesterday an extensive awakened to the serious trend of the research. epidemic. So far no deaths have been reported.

In an effort to discover a simple cider, sarsaparilla and near-beer was test whereby thirsty Washingtonians issued last night by the Washington

Typhus Added To Horrors of clared Col. Harper. Ghastly Vienna

Once Gay Capital Is Slowly Becoming Depopulated. Cold Adds Terrors.

Vienna, Dec. 27.-An epidemic of phus and scurvy has broken out ere, adding to the terrors of famine and freezing cold. Slowly but surely this city-once one of the gayest capitals of Europe-is being depopulated maining population sees nothing but he grim specter of death hovering over it like a menacing, black cloud The Christmas dinner of 90 per cent of the population considered of sour

Dogs and cats are rapidly disappearing from private houses and are being eaten. Horse flesh is considered sources of the United States. tation will result in the gradual a delicacy to be enjoyed only by the Preliminary work of perfecting the dissolution of the operating rich. A widespread crime wave is organization of the vast number of accompanying the other dreadful hor- courts takers was announced as com-Frantic appeals are being sent to the director of the census, who will give outside world to give aid for it is the word to start work on January 2. feared that the city will be a vast Rogers expects to be able to make his grave yard by spring unless help is first estimates two weeks later.

FOOD, NOT ART, **IS VIENNA'S CRY**

Austria Wants to Pledge Gorgeous \$50,000,000 Treasure.

Strike, They Cry starving Vienna by pledging art treas-transports were likely to sail from ALLIES WILL TRY stuffs, is being presented to French. with deportees. British and American syndicates, it. Nobody of any particular promiwas learned today.

worth more than \$50,000,000," said Mr. now en." Phillips. AThere are tapestries from Austrian palaces, silverware by the Auto Plunge From Bridge hundredweight, pictures, elegant metal work and orfeverie in a dozen shapes. The Austrian government is willing to earmark all money received from these art treasures for food alone."

Barge Bound in Ice.

An ice-bound barge in the Susque hanna river, near Havre de Grace, upset over Long Mountain bridge signed to Germany, Austria and Rhode Island and New Hampshire, Md., was reported to the lighthouse and fell into Laurel Run, near here, Czecho-Slovakia were lost when the later going into Michigan, Wisconsin, service yesterday by Merle Riddick, today, pinning Miss Krape ben with steamer Liberty Glow struck a mine Minnesota, North and South Dakota aerial mail pilot, who observed the machine. Absence of chains off the coast of Holland. The mail Subsequent tours will carry him into barge apparently in distress while was believed to have caused the ac- accumulated in New York on Novem- the South and Middle West and up flying from New York to Washington, cident.

PLANS QUIET DAY Warning against use of wood alcohol Miss Margaret, Mrs. Wilson to furnish "get-up-and-go" for soft Only Members of Family

MANY BLINDED BY POISON

SUBSTITUTES FOR LIQUOR

may ascertain whether drinks sold Chamber of Commerce through its president, Col. Robert N. Harper, Wood alcohol is a poison and persons selling it for drinking purposes should be vigorously prosecuted," de-

> Vital Statistics Scanned. my deaths due to wood alcoholiem

to be present today. occur in Washington. Thousands of messages of con-Authorities at the Washington gratulation began pouring into the Asylum Hospital consider it "mirac-Executive Mansion yesterday and last

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As the new year approaches the re- Estimate of Population Is cember 28, 1866. Expected Two Weeks After Opening Jan. 2.

istration will be forced to seek new cabbage and a few crusts of moldy bread. Not 5 per cent of the people ever seen," will start next Friday when 90,000 workers begin the task of enumerating the population, as well as the natural and industrial re-

rors to which the capital is subjected. pleted here last night by Sam Rogers.

I' was learned that the census bureau expects the final count will show ing here today. at least between 100,009,000 and 106,000,ore. According to the last census of

ROUNDING UP SECOND

Commissioner General of Immigration Caminetti said yesterday Belle Isle is an important lighthouse Saul Joseph and Nathan Salsberg that another batch of several hun- station at the northern end of the were held without bail in Hartford. dred alien radicals were being straits of Belle Isle, between the following their arraignment there on rounded up throughout the country northern peninsula of Newfoundland charges of murder in connection with Liverpool, England, Dec. 25. - The and shipped to Ellis Island He and Labrador Austrian government's plan to feed said that for some time to come nes of the former emperor for food- New York periodically and londed

A. Phillips, of Liverpool, who has round-up, the commissioner said, tion toward punishment of the forjust returned from Vienna, is trying "From now on there will be only mer Kaiser was taken by British to get England to recognize the deal small fry-just the riffraff of Nihil- and French officials in their conferby considering these art treasures out- ists and anarchists. Besides, there ence here to consider bringing Gerside of the scope of the peace treaty weren't any prominent anarchists mans guilty of war crimes to jusas relating to the payment of indemni- besides Miss Goldman and Berkman, lice, it is learned. of whom, thank God, we're rid. I "These Austrian art objects are gor- don't think the country will pay ever, was said to be among those geous beyond description and are much attention to our work from charged with looting, robbery and

Lewiston, Pa., Dec. 27.-Florence

Krape. 14, of Center Hall, was

Prosecutors to Ask Death Penalty for Deadly Drug Venders

Scores Afflicted With Serious Illness in Cities Throughout Country—Deadly Beverage That Claimed Lives in New England Traced to New York-Arrests Made on Manslaughter Charges-Federal Agencies Active Against Widespread Plague.

A new plague threatens the country-wood alcohol poisoning.

Incomplete reports from various cities show that since prohibition went into effect July 1 at least 192 persons have been killed and more than 150 are blind or seriously ill as the result of drinking wood alcohol, either deliberately or as the result of it being mixed with "whisky."

Until Christmas the plague was insidious in its action, one or two deaths occurring here and there several days apart and attracting little

PRESIDENT IS 63;

At the White House.

Miss Margaret Wilson, his daughter,

Keepers, With 3 Wireless

Men, in Peril.

night.

Shipment Starts Epidemic.

Then a shipment of adulterated 'whisky" from New York into New England started an epidemic poisoning that already has cost the lives of fifty-six men and one woman and brought scores of others close to death.

The poisoning cases in New England resulted in a series of investigations that are rapidly spreading throughout the country and the belief was expressed last night that deaths from wood altoday. He will celebrate the anni- cohol poisoning in the United versary of his natal day very quietly. States may be found to have toit was said at the White House last taled several hundred.

Federal, State and city officials Scrutiny of daily vital statistics and Mrs. Wilson are the only memwill be made by officials of the district health department to find if
White House. No others are expected were co-operating in searching out same time, warning against all

"bootleggers." Three Chicopee Arrests.

Three arrests were made in Chicopee Mass., in connection with the thirty-The President seemed in good spirits five deaths there, a hotel proprietor yesterday. He was wheeled through and two bartenders being charged with manslaughter. Twelve barrels his home in the wheel-chair he has of "whisky" which were shipped into used since he was able to leave his New England for the Christmas trade have been traced to the Bronx, New One year ago today the President was in England with the American York City. These are said to have been sold for \$1,000 each. Federal operatives and the police, however, He was born in Staunton, Va., Debelieve these were only a small part of the consignment shipped from New

ICE MAROONS 14; Vietn Victims of the "Blind Death" became seriously ill a few hours after drinking the wood sloohol. Later convulsions developed and in most cases total blindness followed, and the sufferers died in agony. Those who have a chance for recovery are in most in-Families of Two Lighthouse

In a number of instances the victim turned ashen gray and dropped dead in the street, others died in their

homes, and many in hospitals, Prosecutor Calls It Murder. United States District Attorney

Quebec. Dec. 27.-Facing starvation. fourteen persons are marooned on Thomas J. Boynton at Boston de-Belle Isle, famous "sentinel of Can- clared the manufacturers and disada," according to dispatches reach- tributers of the poison, liquor and suilty of murder Two lighthouse keepers, with their In Chicopee, the proprietor of the

wives and children, and three Mar- American House, Mexander Perry, 1916, there were 91.972,236 inhabitants coni operators are on the island and his brother, Charles, and William Ba no provisions have reached them for ker, a bartender, were arrested, several weeks because of storms and charged with manslaughter in conce floes.

The Canadian steamer Montcalm the victims. They pleaded not guilty BATCH OF DEPORTEES left Rome Bay, N. F., today in an ef- and were released in \$1,100 buil each

for trial early next month. Frank Rose, Jacob Bronerwine

the death of thirteen victims Federal Agencies Active A concerted drive by several government agencies to prohibit sale EX-CROWN PRINCE

London, Dec. 27.-No further ac-

fort to reach the island.

The former crown prince, howviolence in occupied France.

The allies have agreed upon a full list of German war criminals, it was learned, and will demand their sur-Kills Girl, Injures Woman render and trial as soon as the peace treaty becomes effective.

Mail on Steamer Lost.

Growned and Mrs. James Krape Announcement was made by the tour early in the year in behalf of slightly injured when an automo- Postoffice Department yesterday that his candidacy. bile in which they were riding was 558 sacks of parcel post mail con- He will make his first campaign in , ber 19 and 30.

The government's efforts for the immediate future will be publicity and educational campaigns to warn of the dangers of drinking any boot-

leg liquor. Prohibition commissioners in every State were instructed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to use every possible means of CONTINUED ON PAGE ---Poindexter to Make

Swing Around Circle

condidate for the Republican nomi nation for President, announced last night that he will make a campaign

Senator Poindexter, of Washington,

and down the two coasts.

Admiral Jones, Rear Admiral Decker and Capt, Hasbrouck decline to receive the navy crosses awarded them. and Admiral Mayo, who was commander of the Atlantic fleet during ter to the Secretary under the date of December 23 in which he suggests into the war against this country, a review and reconsideration of and brought about a reduction of

Admiral Mayo complains that his recommendations for awards for his in official circles. With its release for staff officers were not adopted by publication by the Navy Department either the Board of Award or the Sec-

indispensible to the conduct of high

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Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 27.-Lieut Comdr. Thomas Mott Osborne, prison oday named as defendant in a suit

She declares in papers in her suit quart, a 61-year-old Frenchman, filed today that after she had been who is accused of communicating married two days to Chief Yeoman important information to the enemy. William J. Duffy who is said to be a close friend of Comdr. Osborne the

Duffy and his second bride were

AT WASHINGTON

Shubert-Belasco-"Joan of Ar-

National - "A Prince There

aldine Farrar in "Flame of Moore's Rialto-Alice Brady

Moore's Strand-Leah Baird

Cosmos - Continuous vaudeville and pictures.

Folly-Burlesque; "The World

reformer and commandant of the United States Navy Prison here, was

who was formerly the Mullane girl's

kansaw."

Shubert-Garrick - "Bucking the Tiger."

Loew's Columbia - Dorothy Dalton in "His Wife's

of the Desert." B. F. Keith's-Vaudeville.

woman." The Coliseum-Roller Skat-

Beaters."